



December 8, 2015

Mayor Jerry Willey
City Council
City of Hillsboro
150 E Main Street
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Dear Mayor Willey and City Council:

The Hillsboro School District Board of Directors appreciates your dedication and support of our school district and community. We enjoy working in partnership with the City to enhance the experiences and opportunities available for our students and our community members.

We would like to offer our support for the North Hillsboro Industrial Renewal Area (IRA). As a school board, we are excited about three key aspects of the IRA:

- The potential, over time, for high growth in property tax values that will support the Hillsboro School District and schools across the state, as a result of the development of this land, which currently generates very little revenue
- The likelihood of forging additional community partnerships to generate even more employment and training opportunities for our students, while also supporting our College and Career Pathways efforts
- The addition of more good jobs for our community, producing significantly higher income taxes, some of which can be used to boost school funding throughout the state during the IRA period

We have reviewed the financial projections for the IRA, and evaluated the revenue currently generated for schools from this mostly-undeveloped land. We agree that the IRA is the best, fastest way to spur development and generate additional funding for our district and schools across the state.

Thank you for your work on this project, and for your consistent support of our mission: to engage and challenge all learners to ensure academic excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wayne Clift".

Wayne Clift, Chair
on behalf of the
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors

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